

**PUBLIC COMMENT SOUGHT ON THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)
FOR BEALE AIR FORCE BASES' SITE SD-08 –
PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

From December 3, 2004 through January 5, 2005, the Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC) is holding a public comment period to accept comments on a California Environmental Quality Act Document (referred to as CEQA) known as a proposed Negative Declaration. The proposed Negative Declaration declares that an interim remedy called a Soil Vapor Extraction and Bioventing System to clean solvent and jet fuel contaminated soil at Beale Air Force Bases' Site SD-08 will not have a negative impact on the environment. The interim measure, which was developed by Beale Air Force Base, is recorded in a document called a draft Presumptive Remedy Engineering Evaluation and Cost Analysis Workplan (referred to as a PREECA)

DTSC, the State regulatory agency that oversees cleanup of hazardous waste in California, concluded that CEQA (a California state law) needed to be taken into account as part of the draft PREECA. CEQA is important because it determines what impacts, if any, the proposed project will have on the environment. DTSC determined that a proposed Negative Declaration is an appropriate CEQA measure for the project proposed in the draft PREECA. The proposed Negative Declaration states that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment given the activities outlined in the draft PREECA.

For more information on the draft PREECA, please contact

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The public comment period for the proposed Negative Declaration runs from:

December 3, 2004 through January 5, 2004

All written comments must be postmarked no later than January 5, 2005 and should be sent to the attention of Mr. Terry Escarda, DTSC Project Manager, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826-3200, (916) 255-3714, tescarda@dtsc.ca.gov.

The Negative Declaration and related documents are available for review at the Yuba County Public Library, 303 Second Street, Marysville, California, (530) 749-7380. Beale Air Force Base Library, 17849 16th Street, Beale AFB.

The full administrative record and files pertaining to this matter are available for public review at the Department of Toxic Substances Control, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826-3200, tescarda@dtsc.ca.gov. Please call Mr. Escarda if you would like to review the administrative record.

Questions on the proposed Negative Declaration should be directed to Mr. Escarda or Heidi Nelson, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, California, 95826-3200, (916) 255-3575, hnelson@dtsc.ca.gov.

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